

REMARKS

Claims 1, 7, 8 and 9 are pending in this application with claims 7 and 9 being amended and claims 2, 4 and 5 being cancelled by this response. Claim 7 has been amended to be in independent form including the limitations of claim 2. Claim 9 has been amended to now depend on allowable claim 7. It is respectfully submitted that the amendments to claims 7 and 9 do not raise any new issues.

Rejection of Claims 2, 4, 5, and 9 under 35 USC § 102(b)

Claims 2, 4, 5 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Reggia et al. (US Patent No. 3,987,458). Claims 2, 4, 5 and 9 have been cancelled. In view of the cancellation of claims 2, 4, 5 and 9 it is respectfully submitted that this rejection is now moot and should be withdrawn.

Claims 1 and 8 have been indicated as allowed. Claim 7 has been indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form including the limitations of the base claim. Claim 7 has been amended to be in independent form including the limitations of claim 2 and thus it is respectfully submitted that claim 7 is now allowable. Claim 9 has been amended to be dependent on now allowable claim 7 and thus it is respectfully submitted that claim 9 is now allowable. It is respectfully submitted that all remaining claims (claims 1, 7, 8 and 9) are now in condition for allowance.

Having fully addressed the Examiner's rejections, it is believed that, in view of the preceding amendments and remarks, this application stands in condition for allowance. Accordingly then, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully solicited. If, however, the Examiner is of the opinion that such action cannot be taken, the Examiner is invited to contact the applicant's attorney at the phone number below, so that a mutually convenient date and time for a telephonic interview may be scheduled.

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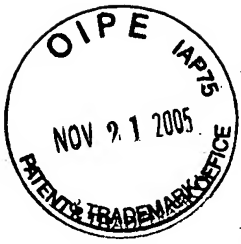
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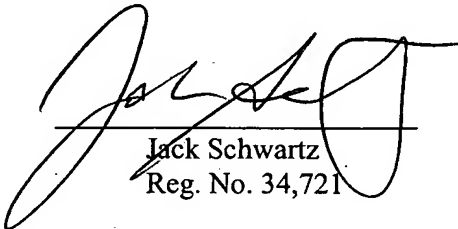
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